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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6220

BILL NUMBER: SB 361

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 21, 2011

BILL AMENDED: Feb 17, 2011

SUBJECT: Nursing Facility Screening and Notification.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Becker

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the dissemination of specified information as part of: (1) a nursing facility's notification to applicants; (2) the nursing facility preadmission screening program; and (3) the hospital discharge process.

The bill also specifies that the preadmission screening must assess the availability of home and community-based services needed to maintain an individual in the least restrictive environment.

It also requires the AAA to explain and provide a written copy of the results of a preadmission screening assessment to the individual being assessed or a guardian, in the least practicable time after the completion of the assessment.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill requires Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), nursing facilities, and hospitals to give AAA contact information and a list of available local long-term care services options to individuals, including home and community-based services. The bill requires the AAAs to prepare the lists of known available local services. As the state's fiscal intermediaries for CHOICE and certain other long-term care service programs, the AAAs would be most likely to have the local knowledge necessary to compile lists of locally available service options. The cost associated with compiling and providing the required lists would be expected to be limited; currently, some AAAs include this information on their websites.

It is not known at this time the extent to which each of the 16 AAAs is in compliance with the requirement

to explain the results of an assessment to the individuals being assessed for long-term care services or if each of the AAAs would have sufficient staff resources to accomplish this requirement without additional funding.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Division of Aging, OMPP, FSSA.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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